Author's response to reviews

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Dear Ms. Celine Zapanta,

We thank you for your interest in our manuscript “Effects of sex hormones on bronchial reactivity during the menstrual cycle”.

We have prepared a revised version of the article based on the Editorial requirements and Editors’ comment, and we hope that our revisions address all of their concerns.

Please find below point-by-point responses to the concerns.

Our revised manuscript includes:

(a) A “Marked-up” version of our previous manuscript (we used red font to indicate the revised portions of the manuscript).

(b) A “Clean” version of our revised manuscript (we used black fonts)

In particular the specific answers are as follows:

Editorial Requirement:

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R: Following your requirement, we included in the acknowledgements section the thanks to prof. Giuseppe Cirino for its substantial contributions to drafting the manuscript.

Editors’ Comment:
In addition, we notice that Table 1 contains personal information that can compromise patients' anonymity. Could you please clarify and state if you obtained consent from patients also for their data to be published. If not, data in table 1 need to be combined or removed.

R: We thank you for comment. In agreement with your suggestion, we have combined and reduced the Table 1 containing the baseline characteristics of the study population, that in the new revised version of the manuscript became Table 2.

In this way it not compromise patients’ anonymity.